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Thirty-something Geordie girl Aimee Anderson has just been dumped by her fiancé, Robbie – on the night of their engagement party. So, in an attempt to get over both the relationship, and the rather embarrassing way in which it ended, Aimee and her best friend Jemma are going on the holiday of a lifetime which, in their case, is a trip around the Mediterranean on a mid-budget cruise liner. And there's only one thing Aimee's determined to do on this holiday, and that's forget about Robbie and have some fun.

Danny Johnson is one-fifth of 90's boy band Bon Voyage, and they're about to make a comeback. In the middle of the Mediterranean. On the same cruise as Aimee. And Aimee used to love Bon Voyage. Aimee used to love Danny Johnson...

Back in the day, Danny had been the band's "bad boy", and whilst the years haven't damaged his looks in any way, his post-pop-star life is in a bit of a mess. About to be divorced from Newcastle party princess and Z-list celebrity wannabe, Davina Black, and harbouring a secret from the past about the real reason Bon Voyage split up, Danny just isn't sure if being back in a boy band is what he really wants. But one thing he does want is some fun. For the next two weeks, at least.

So, when Aimee finally meets the man of her dreams – literally – could they possibly have some fun together? Or is something – or somebody – about to stand in the way of Aimee having a holiday to remember?

Bon Voyage – a romantic comedy; a story of boy bands, broken dreams, and love on the ocean wave...

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Angie says

Great holiday read, loved the characters, looking forward to read more of Michelle Betham

Krissy says

I think I purchased this book for free on Amazon It was ok , two stars, just ok. Was looking for something "light " to read during a very long series with tons of subplots and this filled the need but I didnt even finish it Not invested in the characters at all

Aunty Janet says

I abandoned this one. It started ok and I thought it would be an easy and undemanding read, but it became so repetitive that I got bored with it.

Gill O'keeffe says

I wanted to stop reading this about 15 pages in but I persevered. It was a fluffy and predictable read and that's the best summary I can come up with.

Pauline Barclay says

This book is pure escapism and what a great read to escape in. Fab!

Lisa Bourne says

I really enjoyed the book, engaging characters and a good plot. So much so that I downloaded all her other books too. Michelle Betham writes in an easy to read style, building the story in an addictive way that makes you want to keep reading.

Anja Mizner says

Not terrible but very predictable....easy read for a lazy day.

Amanda says

This book was good for an escape from my normal reading genre. It made me feel old though which doesn't happen often. The heroine is 33 year old chick and I'm 30 and she was letting her inner teenager out while stuck on a cruise ship with a popular boy band from the early 90's. Ugh, I felt old when I realized that the boy bands I listened to were closing in on their 40's and well, that just didn't sit very well. Anyway, back to the book.

This book has a lot of communication issues between the main characters, which drives me absolutely insane. I don't relate to that and it usually causes a lot of frustration with a book (it did with this one). That said, it was a fun book and I loved the characters. Mammy (or Marcie) was my favorite. She was colorful and fun. This is a book to just escape into.

Ronda Blanke Geiger says

Loved it. Great characters and plot. The story gets a little off for a bit but does come round again. enjoyed and would recommend!

Nikki Bywater says

This is the exciting brand new novel from Michelle Betham.

Aimee Anderson and best friend Jemma are two normal girls from the north east of England. Who along with Aimee's mother, the larger than life Marcie, are about to spend two weeks on holiday together in the Mediterranean, on an all inclusive cruise.

Back in the 1990's Aimee and Jemma had been massive fans of the popular boy band Bon Voyage. The band had had huge success and like Aimee and Jemma are also from the north east of England. The band who had since split up and gone their own separate ways were also going to be on the cruise, taking part in a new reality TV show with cameras following them everywhere as they perform a series of reunion gigs on the cruise that will hopefully lead to them getting a second shot at fame.

The last thing on Aimee's mind is love, after just having a painful break up. But when she hears about the band being on the ship and Bon Voyage member Danny Johnson had always been her teenage crush and now she was about to see him in the flesh. With the band being out of the spotlight for a number of years and Danny himself now working as a painter and decorator will she have a chance with her teenage heartthrob?

Bon Voyage is an entertaining read, it is a story told with great humour that gives the reader a good giggle. I really enjoyed reading this book with its fantastic cast of characters. Some of the characters who will stop at nothing to grasp onto the fame machine. The conclusion to the story makes the story come together nicely and I would read another book with these characters in. Well done to Michelle Betham another brilliant story that makes daydreamers like me believe that anything can be possible.

Gillian Black says

Really enjoyed this book, lots of beautiful cities described and a fake band intot he mix. A few laugh out loud moments. Good escapism which was just what I needed.

Tracey says

Not a bad book at all. loved the geordieisms... is that a word? maybe not but i loved them anyway.

Lacey Dearie says

Being a thirty-something woman who loves cruises, this was a novel I could actually relate to. The story is about two thirty-somthing women taking a cruise, Aimee Anderson and Jemma Jordan. Aimee is the quieter and more grounded of the two, and she is the dominant character. Aimee's slightly embarrassing mother, a romantic novelist, Marcie Marcello, is also with them. Their favourite boyband from their teenage years, Bon Voyage, are the cruise ship's entertainment for the fortnight, while at the same time they are trying to make a comeback and are being followed around by Barry, a cameraman for a reality TV show. Aimee falls for Danny, while Jemma falls for Cal, both members of the boyband, Bon Voyage.

Good points: it's a girly, fun, lighthearted, tongue-in-cheek read. If you're looking for something you can devour while lying on your sun-lounger, or like me, on the couch on a rainy afternoon while wishing you were on a sun-lounger, this is for you. The book was well-written, well thought out and had a logical chain of events. I had read in previous reviews that there were some grammatical errors, but I didn't notice them. Maybe they've been fixed as I know from Twitter that the author has taken note of what is written in reviews in the past, or perhaps I was just too engrossed in the story to notice/care. I thought the author's description of life on board a cruise ship was accurate and authentic. I've been on several cruises and having sworn I would never go on another, I have now changed my mind after reading this. I was reminded how fun they can be! The various locations visited on the cruise added a touch of glamour to the story. The settings were described well, but not in an over-the-top way that made you feel you were reading a guide book. It was just enough to give you a flavour of the ports.

There aren't necessarily BAD points to this book, but things I personally would have like to see developed a little more. I felt that two members of the boyband weren't very much a part of the story, so the five-piece could actually have been written as a three-piece. And honestly, I couldn't remember the two names of those members at one point. Although, as I'm writing this I remember that they were Ross and Frankie. I wanted to know more about what they were up to on the cruise, and what their story was. That's just me being nosy! I would also have liked to have a bit more of Jemma and Cal's romance described to me. I didn't actually see that coming when I was reading the book.

The characters were quite realistic. Aimee is like that friend we all have - the one who can't see what's right in front of her and makes bad choices. We all know someone like that, don't we? Jemma is the kind of girly best friend I wish I had. I didn't fall in love with any of the male characters but that's because I'm not a big boyband fan. Bob and Barbara were quite amusing though. I met a couple from Halifax just like them on a cruise once so it's not unrealistic to have a couple like them befriending two thirty-something single women. Marcie was a tad annoying, but she was meant to be, so the author did her job there!

Overall, I'd say if you like chick-lit, boybands and glamorous locations, download this because you'll love it. If you don't, then don't. Simple as that.

Susanne Williams says

Easy read

Amanda Egan says

More in the vein of Michelle's 'Too Much Trouble' this is a light and comic read. Perfect for a holiday or if dreaming of one! Great characters and dialogue and an ending that ties everything up but leaves you wanting more. A frothy, fun piece of chicklit.
